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1. MAY 12 PRIME MINISTER KRIANGSAK CHAMANAN HELD A PRESS
CONFERENCE AT DON MUANG AIRPORT ON HIS RETURN FROM HIS
VISIT TO RANGOON. BANGKOK PRESS REPORTED KRIANGSAK MADE
THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

- THAILAND AND BURMA HAVE AGREED TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION
CONCERNING NARCOTICS--THE FIRST SUCH EXCHANGE EVER.
FORCES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO CARRY OUT
SUPPRESSION EFFORTS SEPARATELY, HOWEVER.

- THE BURMESE EXHIBITED A DETERMINATION TO SUPPRESS
NARCOTICS PRODUCTION IN BURMA. IN RECENT WEEKS BURMESE
FORCES HAVE DESTROYED SIX HEROIN REFINERIES AND 4,000
ACRES OF POPPY FIELDS.

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- BURMESE OFFICIALS INFORMED DRIANGSAK OF THEIR
CONCERN THAT, ALTHOUGH THE HEROIN REFINERIES ARE
LOCATED IN BURMA, THE CHEMICALS FOR THE PRODUCTION
OF HEROIN ARE TRANSPORTED FROM THAILAND.

- PM KRIANGSAK EMPHASIZED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT
WOULD NOT ALLOW BURMESE MINORITY GROUPS TO USE

THAILAND TO CARRY OUT HOSTILE ACTS AGAINST THE
BURMESE GOVERNMENT.

- THAILAND AND BURMA WILL REVIVE THE JOINT
BORDER COMMITTEE FIRST FORMED IN 1962. THREE LEVELS
OF OFFICIALS WILL CONSULT: LOCAL, MILITARY, AND
MINISTERIAL.

- PRESIDENT NE WIN HAS ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO
VISIT THAILAND. PRIME MINISTER MAUNG MAUNG KHA
AND SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PEOPLE'S CONGRESS, SUN
YU, ACCEPTED PM KRIANGSAK'S INFORMAL INVITATION TO
VISIT THAILAND. KRIANGSAK INDICATED THEY WOULD
RECEIVE OFFICIAL INVITATIONS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

- THE BURMESE EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO INCREASE
TRADE WITH THAILAND, AND WILL SEND A TRADE MISSION
FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ALONG THIS LINE.

- THE BURMESE DID NOT RPT NOT AGREE TO A THAI
PROPOSAL FOR A JOINT FISHING VENTURE, BUT DID AGREE
TO ALLOW THAI VESSELS TO PASS THROUGH THE BURMESE
ZONE TO FISH IN WATERS OFF BANGLADESH AND INDIA,
WHERE THE THAI HAVE FISHING RIGHTS.

- PM KRIANGSAK REQUESTED SPEEDY TRIALS FOR THE 176
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